COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
INCIDENT DATA

WHAT INITIATED INCIDENT

Call	Observation	Search Warrant	Arrest Warrant
[ ]	[X]	[ ]	[ ]

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE

1208 [redacted]

TYPE OF LOCATION

Residence	[ ]	Business	[ ]	Industrial	[ ]	Parking Lot	[ ]
Street	[X]	Backyard	[ ]	Freeway	[ ]	Rural	[ ]
Other	[ ]						

SHOOTING CONDITIONS

DATE	TIME	DAY
01/28/95	2050 Hours	Saturday

LIGHTING	WEATHER
Street Lights and Flood Light on Front of Garage.	Clear

DISTANCE

Approximately 26 Feet.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

Suspect has Cerebral Palsy.

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DEPUTY INVOLVED

SHOOTER

EMPLOYEE'S NAME		
COCHRAN, Jeffery		

RANK	EMPLOYEE NO.	UNIT AND DIVISION / REGION OF ASSIGNMENT
Deputy	[redacted]	Industry Station/ Field Operations Region III

SEX	RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE
M	White	6'-00"	205	[redacted]	[redacted]

DUTY STATUS	HIRE DATE
On Duty	03/25/82

UNIFORM	RAID JACKET	PLAIN CLOTHES	VEST
Yes	No	No	Yes

INJURED	DECEASED	CORONER'S CASE NO.
No	No	N/A

DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES
None

WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE? YES [X] NO [ ]

WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW? YES [X] NO [ ]

WHERE? Industry Station

SUPERVISED BY: Lieutenant Clark

WEAPON USED

TYPE	AUTHORIZED
Beretta 92F	Yes

AMMUNITION TYPE	AUTHORIZED
9 mm	Yes

RANGE QUALIFICATION (LAST DATE)	NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED BY DEPUTY	NO. OF HITS
[redacted]	One	None

DEPUTY'S TOXICOLOGY

UNDER THE INFLUENCE	TEST FOR CAUSE ORDERED	ORDERED BY
No	N/A	N/A

TRAINING INFORMATION

LASER VILLAGE TRAINING (LAST DATE)	PRACTICAL POLICE COURSE (LAST DATE)
[redacted]	[redacted]

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY

DATE	UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT	RANK
01/01/89	Industry Station	Deputy
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

PRIOR SHOOTING INCIDENTS (ALL KNOWN INCIDENTS WHERE DEPUTY HAS DISCHARGED A WEAPON INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES AND SHOTS FIRED AT ANIMALS OR HUMANS)

FILE	DATE	TYPE
	NONE	

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CLASSIFICATION

ACCIDENTAL:	**No**
GUN TAKE-AWAY:	**No**
PERSON(S) ARMED:	**No**
PERSON(S) UNARMED:	**Yes**
STARTLE:	**No**
UNINTENTIONAL:	**No**
DEPUTY IN UNIFORM:	[X] RAID JACKET: [ ] PLAIN CLOTHES: [ ]
VEST WORN:	**Yes**
FOOT PURSUIT:	**No**
VEHICLE PURSUIT:	**Failure to yield.**
MOVING VEHICLE:	**No**
VEHICLE STOP:	**Yes**
TYPE OF HOLSTER:	**County Approved**
GUN IN HOLSTER:	**No**
STRUGGLE INVOLVED:	**No**

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND INFORMATION:
None

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SUSPECT/SUBJECT

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M/I
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

ADDRESS
1208 [redacted]

SEX:	RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B.	AGE	DECEASED
M	Hispanic	5'-07"	126 Lbs.	[redacted]	17	No

INJURED	DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES
No	None

SUSPECT'S TOXICOLOGY

UNDER THE INFLUENCE
No

TYPE OF SUBSTANCE	LAB TEST CONDUCTED
N/A	N/A

ARMED	TYPE OF WEAPON
No	N/A

NUMBER OF SHOTS FIRED BY SUSPECT	NUMBER OF HITS
N/A	N/A

SUSPECT VEHICLE
1982 Oldsmobile, 2 door, gray, California License #[redacted]

CRIMINAL HISTORY (ATTACH COPY OF RAPS)
No Criminal History.

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

Deputies observe a vehicle rapidly approaching a driveway to exit a business parking lot, with three male passengers. The deputies noticed that the driver of the vehicle resembled a wanted gang related murder suspect who lives in Pico Rivera. They make a u-turn and followed the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle failed to signal while making a lane change. A check of the suspect vehicle's license number returned to a Pico Rivera address.

The deputies attempt to make a traffic stop as the vehicle turned southbound Riderwood Avenue from Gale Avenue, again without signalling. The deputies had both spot lights directed into the interior of the suspect vehicle, and the solid red overhead light activated. The suspect vehicle began slowing and pulling over to the right curb, and then accelerated a short distance pulling away from the curb. After slowing again and moving towards the right curb, the suspect vehicle accelerated again and continued southbound Riderwood Avenue.

The deputies activated their units overhead rotating lights and siren, and made a radio transmission of the suspect's vehicle failing to yield. The suspect vehicle pulled into the approach portion of the driveway at [redacted] stopped abruptly, and the two doors opened. Deputy Cochran (Bookman) exited the radio car, weapon drawn, and ordered the occupants of the vehicle to stay inside their car. The right front passenger, [redacted] exited the vehicle and began turning towards Deputy Cochran. The Suspect continued to ignore the commands to stay in the car and put his hand up, he was leaning slightly forward, turning towards Deputy Cochran, with his left hand near his waistband area and concealed under his jacket near.

SUSPECT/SUBJECT

Being in fear, Deputy Cochran screamed at the Suspect to stop. The Suspect, in a quick jerky movement turned more towards the deputy, starting to stand more erect, and moving his left hand. Seeing that the Suspect's hand was clenched, Deputy Cochran believed that the Suspect was reaching for a weapon to arm himself, and being in fear of his life, he fired one round at the Suspect. The suspect was not hit, and the round fired by Deputy Cochran was not recovered.

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

The summary of this incident is based upon the reports, memos, teletypes, and taped interviews contained in this packet. The principle Deputies involved in this incident were interviewed by Internal Affairs Bureau investigators.

On January 28, 1995, Deputy Jeffery Cochran (Bookman) and Jack Tarasiuk (Driver) were working PM shift, Industry unit 147F. During their briefing, they received information concerning a wanted, gang-related murder suspect. Deputy Cochran made a copy of the Special Bulletin (Refer to Exhibit "A")

At approximately 2050 hours, Deputies Tarasiuk and Cochran were driving eastbound Gale Avenue from Turnbull Canyon. They observed a gray Oldsmobile, California license number [redacted] rapidly approaching the driveway to exit the Alpha Beta parking lot onto Gale Avenue. As they passed the vehicle, the three male occupants in the vehicle, looked in the deputies direction.

The deputies made a u-turn and began following the suspect vehicle which was now travelling westbound in the number two lane of Gale Avenue. The suspect vehicle made a lane change into the number one lane without signalling. The suspect vehicle accelerated slightly, and the two passengers looked over their shoulders in the direction of the deputies. Deputy Cochran ran a D.M.V. check of the suspect vehicle license number via his Mobil Digital Terminal. The vehicle returned to [redacted], [redacted]. He related this information to his partner and they commented to each other that the suspect driver, [redacted] looked similar to the murder suspect from Pico Rivera (Refer to Exhibit "B")

The suspect vehicle turned southbound onto Riderwood Avenue. Deputy Cochran said he became more suspicious about the suspect vehicle at this time. He said he knew that [redacted] a member of the "Happy Homes Puente Trece" gang, lives at [redacted]. He also knew that [redacted] had recently been involved in a murder in Rialto, and one of [redacted] accomplices, [redacted] was known to frequent [redacted] residence. He said he knew that [redacted] was in custody, but [redacted] was still wanted for the Rialto murder.

Deputy Cochran and Deputy Tarasiuk decided to stop the suspect vehicle. They turned on their spot lights, directing them into the interior of the suspect vehicle, and they turned on their overhead lights. The suspect vehicle slowed down, pulled to the right, appeared to be stopping, but continued southbound. A short distance later, it appeared that the suspect vehicle was going to stop, but it continued southbound. At this time, Deputy Tarasiuk activated the siren a couple of times, and Deputy Cochran initiates a radio transmission that they are following a vehicle failing to yield (Refer to Exhibit "D").

Both deputies knew that Riderwood Avenue is a dead end street, and there is a foot bridge at the end of the street which crosses over the 60 freeway. They believe that the suspect vehicle would finally stop, and the suspects would "bail out" and start running.

The suspect vehicle made a left hand turning movement towards the driveway of [redacted] Riderwood Avenue, and stopped in the driveway. Deputy Tarasiuk stopped behind the suspect vehicle (Refer to Exhibit "C"). Deputy Cochran exited their vehicle and stood behind his open door, while Deputy Tarasiuk was putting the vehicle in park.

Deputy Tarasiuk said while still in his vehicle he saw, through the suspect's rear window, the front seat passenger starting to get out of the suspect's vehicle. He said the passenger suspect got out of the vehicle with his (suspect's) back towards them. The suspect paused, and then spun around. He said he could see the exiting suspect's left hand was by his waistband. He said he heard Deputy Cochran tell the passenger suspect to put his hands up. He said as he was getting out of the radio car, he heard a gun shot, and saw the passenger suspect running towards the residence. He said he believed that the suspect was shot, because he was limping.

Deputy Tarasiuk said he then observed the driver of the suspect's vehicle getting out of the car. He drew his weapon, pointed it at the driver suspect, and ordered him to keep his hands in view, and to lay down on the ground. He said the driver suspect yelled, "My brother is retarded." He said the driver suspect finally complied with their orders, and laid down on the ground. He said when the second Industry unit arrived at their location, they ordered the driver to their position where he was handcuffed and placed in the back seat of a radio car. He said they then had the rear seat passenger suspect exit the vehicle and they handcuffed him.

Deputy Cochran said when the suspect vehicle finally stopped, both doors of the suspect's vehicle opened. He said he got out of the radio car, stood behind his open door, drew his weapon, and ordered the suspects to put their hands up and stay in the vehicle. He said the passenger door of the suspect's vehicle opened completely, and the right front passenger started exiting the vehicle. He said he yelled at the suspect to stay in the car.

Deputy Cochran said the suspect ignored his order, and got out of the vehicle in a semi-crouched position, with his back to him (Cochran). He said he then began ordering the suspect to "get his hands up." He said the suspect began pivoting to his right, he could see the suspect's right hand, and he noticed that the suspect's left arm was bent at the elbow. He said he could not see the suspect's left hand, because it was concealed by the suspect's jacket, but he could tell that it was near the area of his front waist.

Deputy Cochran said he believed the suspect had a gun, and he did not want to order the suspect to put his hands up. He said he began yelling "Stop." He said the suspect was still inside the "V" area of his (suspect's) open door, and was still pivoting towards him.

Deputy Cochran said he was concentrating on the suspect's hands, and again yelled, "Stop." He said the suspect was still in a semi-crouched position, but then made one jerky movement, standing more erect. He said during all of this he could see that the suspect was looking over his right shoulder at him (Cochran). He said as the suspect pivoted more, he could see part of the suspect's left hand. He said he saw the knuckles of the suspect's left hand and could see that his hand was cupped, as if holding a gun, and the hand was moving away from his waistband. He said he believed that the suspect was going to shoot at him, so he fired one round at the suspect. After the shot, he saw the suspect go back into a semi-crouched position, go around the open vehicle door, and run towards the house. He said the suspect never turned completely far enough to be facing him.

> I.A.B. NOTE: The distance between Deputy Cochran's position and the exiting passenger suspect's position was approximately 26 feet (Refer to Exhibit "E").
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> The bullet fired by Deputy Cochran was not found. His spent casing was found laying in the street approximately [redacted] of the [redacted] curb line of Riderwood Avenue, and approximately [redacted] of the [redacted] curb line of Shady Bend Drive.

Deputy Cochran said the reason he fired only once was, "Because that fraction of a second was when he was posing the most threat to me." He said when the round went off and the suspect couched, he believed he hit the suspect. He said the suspect turned away from him, started running with a limp towards the open front yard gate of the house, and his left arm was still in his waist band area.

Deputy Cochran said he lost sight of the suspect as he ran down the walkway leading to the front door of the house. He said his vision was blocked by the garage which extended out from the front of the house.

Deputy Cochran said he then focused on the other two suspects. He said he heard Deputy Tarasiuk yelling at the driver of the suspect vehicle to get his hands up. He said the rear passenger suspect was still seated in the vehicle with his hands raised. He said the driver suspect was yelling, "Don't shoot, don't shoot he is a cripple."

Deputy Cochran said eventually the other two suspects are detained. He said when the field sergeant arrived at their location he briefed him on what had happened. He said they moved to a position behind a parked pick up truck so they could see the front of the house. He said he could see the suspect he shot at standing in the living room. He said they started yelling at the suspect to come out of the house. The suspect complied, and was taken into custody without any further incident.

Deputy Cochran said that after this incident was under control, he had the opportunity to watch Suspect [redacted] walk. He said, "I could tell that he had some kind of a handicap, and when he was walking he had his hand in the same fashion. His left hand was up to his waist, and he had this exaggerated limping movement where he had to use his upper body to move his legs. At that point, I thanked God that I did not hit him."

Suspect [redacted] told investigators that he and his brothers were on their way home from the store. He said the deputies were following them down their street, and just before they stopped in their driveway, he hear a siren. He said when the car stopped, he got out of the car, ran to the front yard gate, ran to the front door of his house, and went inside the house. He said he did not hear the deputy say anything to him, but he did hear the gun shot. He said he ran because he was afraid.

[redacted] told investigators that he and his brothers were returning home from the store, and about halfway down Riderwood Avenue the deputies turned on the red/blue lights, and siren. He said when their car stopped in their driveway, [redacted] jumped out of the car and started running towards their house. He said he hear the deputy yell either, "Hey, hey, or stop, stop" about seven times. He said Jason was approximately 10 feet from the car door when the deputy shot at him [redacted]

[redacted] told investigators that he and his brothers were coming back home from the store. He said when he saw the police lights (overhead) come on, he started to pull over, but he saw his brother [redacted] grab the door handle. He said he became worried about how [redacted] was going to react to the cops pulling them over. He said he decided that it would be best to stop in front of their house, it would be more secure for [redacted] He said he did not know that [redacted] was going to run, but he told him to relax, don't run, and everything was going to be okay.

[redacted] said when he stopped the car in the driveway, he heard the deputies yelling for them to put their hands up. He said as soon as their car stopped, [redacted] opened the door, got out, and started running towards their house. He said it was just a reaction out of fear. He said his brother

was near the palm tree when the deputy shot at him [redacted] He said when he hear the shot, he started yelling that his brother was handicapped. He said he heard the deputy telling [redacted] "don't move, don't move." He said, "I was still wrong. I knew I should have stopped when the cop put his light on behind me, and any other person would have stopped right then." He said his actions could have gotten his brother killed.

At the time of the incident, there were four civilian witnesses, [redacted], outside on the sidewalk in front of [redacted] They all said they saw the deputies behind the suspect vehicle trying to stop it. They said the suspect vehicle was pulling over to the side, but then continued down the street. They said the suspect vehicle eventually stopped.

I.A.B. Note: These witnesses were approximately 100'-120' [redacted] of [redacted]

Witness [redacted] said he recognized the males in the suspect vehicle as his [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] He said [redacted] is handicapped and gets scared at times. He said when the car stopped in the driveway [redacted] and [redacted] opened their doors. He said [redacted] jumped out of the passenger's door and started running towards his [redacted] house. He said he heard the copy say, "Freeze, stop, stop." He said [redacted] continued running and when he got to the front gate the cop shot at him.

Witness [redacted] said when the suspect vehicle stopped the passenger in the car started running. She said the passenger cop yelled, "Freeze," but the suspect continued running. She said the suspect was past the front gate when the deputy shot at him.

Witness [redacted] said when the suspect vehicle stopped, the front passenger [redacted] immediately got out of the car and ran towards the house at [redacted] Riderwood Avenue. She said [redacted] as almost to the front door of the residence when the passenger officer fired one shot.

Witness [redacted] said she heard a shot when [redacted] was near the front gate.

Two civilian witnesses, [redacted], [redacted] to the Garcia brothers related the following. They were both watching television in the front living room of the residence when they heard a police siren sound twice.

[redacted] said he looked out of the front window and saw a Sheriff's unit stopping a black two door car. He said he heard what sounded like a "car backfire" and noticed smoke in the air between the two cars. He said immediately after the "backfire" he saw a male [redacted] near the front of the black car run towards the front door of [redacted] Riderwood Avenue.

[redacted] said he looked out his front living room window after hearing what sounded like a "car backfire" and saw a male [redacted] run across the front yard of [redacted] Riderwood Avenue. They both said that they could not hear anything outside of their residence because the window was closed and the television was on.

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WITNESS LIST

SWORN AND DEPT EMPLOYEES TO INCLUDE NAME, RANK, EMPLOYEE NUMBER, UNIT, AND DIVISION/REGION OF ASSIGNMENT - ALL OTHER WITNESSES TO INCLUDE NAME, ADDRESS (BUSINESS AND HOME) AND TELEPHONE #

WITNESS # 1 [redacted]

was interviewed on January 28, 1995, at 2355 hours by Sergeant Jennings of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his Administrative Rights: Yes [__] No [X]

WITNESS # 2 [redacted]

was interviewed on January 29, 1995, at 0006 hours by Sergeant Jennings of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his Administrative Rights: Yes [__] No [X]

WITNESS # 3 [redacted]

was interviewed on January 29, 1995, at 0010 hours by Sergeant Jennings of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his Administrative Rights: Yes [__] No [X]

WITNESS # 4 [redacted]

was interviewed on January 29, 1995, at 0020 hours by Sergeant Jennings of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of her Administrative Rights: Yes [__] No [X]

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WITNESS # 5 Deputy Jack Tarasiuk
Industry Station

was interviewed on January 29, 1995, at 0114 hours by Sergeant Shively of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his Administrative Rights: Yes [X] No [__]

WITNESS # 6 [redacted]

was interviewed on January 29, 1995, at 0200 hours by Sergeant Jennings and Sergeant Leffler of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his Administrative Rights: Yes [__] No [X]

WITNESS # 7 Deputy Jeffery Cochran
Industry Station

was interviewed on March 14, 1995, at 1030 hours by Sergeant Jennings and Sergeant Leffler of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of his Administrative Rights: Yes [X] No [__]

WITNESS # ____

was interviewed on ________ at ______ hours by ________ of the Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was tape recorded. The person interviewed was given a copy of her Administrative Rights: Yes [__] No [__]

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